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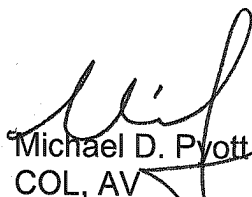
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Subject: North Georgia College & State University ROTC Language Hub Pilot Program

The need for professional level speakers of strategic languages has led to many federal government initiatives under the rubric of the Department of Defense (DOD) National Security Education Program (NSEP). Elements of this program, including the ROTC Language and Culture Initiative and the National Language Flagship Initiative, represent major efforts to rapidly expand strategic language programs vital to national security and economic prosperity.

A recent conceptual development in this effort involves the creation of ROTC Language Hubs. North Georgia College & State University, a Senior Military College, has been designated as a hub and will begin its initial operations, serving cadets and midshipmen from across the Nation, in the summer of 2009. This initial hub pilot program, approved by US Army Cadet Command, will serve to develop and assess strategic language programs of study as well as to facilitate the development of institutional linkages with other universities and ROTC departments.

The result of a successful pilot program will be expansion of the concept so that all ROTC students have an opportunity to study and master a strategic language of their choice, regardless of the course offerings at their home university. This initiative is more than worth of support and has the complete commitment of my department. It is our sincere belief that, by virtue of its mission, regional setting and commitment to strategic language learning for future officers, that North Georgia represents an optimal location for the investment of resources necessary to conduct a successful pilot program.

  
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